

Friends of Coonley Board Meeting
Sept. 15, 2020, 7:30 p.m.

Board Members in attendance: Kristin Morris, Brooke Odem, Brooke Roark, Christina Kreidler, Kathy Alvarez, Erin Van Awken, Inka Cherry, Stephen Laslo

Honorary Board Members in attendance: Sherry Skalko

Guests in attendance: Missy Friedman, Jenny Schaeffer, Megan Peterson

Call to order (B. Roark): Called meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes (B. Roark): B. Roark makes motion to approve August minutes. I. Cherry seconds. All approve.

Treasurer's Report (K. Alvarez): It was a very light month. Only one check went out. \$3,325 to Winspire. Got a check from Amazon Smile. Paid a handful of refunds for cancelled Spring Fling events/tickets. Starting to get some of the teachers' reimbursement requests. We have \$713K in total funds -- \$353K committed, \$359K available. K. Alvarez will send the copies of the financial statements and we will vote to approve at a later date.

Admin report (S. Laslo): No specific requests at this time. Coonley is not collecting fees this year at this point. Coonley might ask for fees if/when students return to school. But it's possible that Coonley's funds will be tighter than usual. This year admin could purchase materials with money left over from last year. Student fees usually bring in about \$150K. Hopefully next year things will be back to normal but we may need to keep in mind that admin may be in need of help next year.

Coonley Core (J. Schaeffer): We are reworking the program a bit as many small businesses are going through a tough time during the pandemic. We want to be good partners for them. Will be rolling out the new program in Dec. when we have a better idea about Spring Fling's future. Also offering discounts. And we are still accepting new Core members if anyone knows someone who wants to advertise to our community, send them our way. Also moving to a twice yearly start date for new members

Free cash for Coonley (C. Kriedler): We received \$310.75 for second quarter of year from Amazon Smile. Have earned \$103.80 so far this year from Box Tops, all digital. Will hold off on any contests as we can't collect physical tops this year anyway. Unlikely that we will have a contest again as physical box tops going away.

Teacher appreciation (E. VanAwken): Some things we usually do we can't do while we are remote (load the lounge, lunch at report card pickup) which makes it a bit difficult to plan for the year. S. Laslo says about 25-30 people come into the building on average a day. Possible

that we could provide a staff appreciation lunch sometime this month. Mr. Laslo will know the morning of exactly how many people are in the building.

The gift card fund worked out great last year. Would be a good idea to do that again this year. Maybe get info out about that to parents in early November. How would we distribute the gift cards? Do teachers come into the office or would we need to mail them? Could they get lost if we mail them? S. Laslo says teachers would be likely willing to come in to pick them up. It's also possible students will be back in a hybrid plan by then. Could we also consider purchasing some \$5 gift cards to Starbucks as an occasional pick-me-up for staff in the building? Or a more frequent lunch delivery?

New families (B. Roark): We can reach out to families who may still need Coonley yard signs and didn't get them at materials pickup.

Room reps (K. Morris): We need to identify room reps for the classrooms to forward the family info for each classroom that admin collected from google docs. FOC can own those lists and find room reps for each classroom to do what small things teachers may need and to forward any FOC comms. Also to serve as point person for each class for questions. We may have more comms if we go back to school, have Spring Fling, etc.

Speaker series (B. Roark): There's a group of parents who want to organize a talk/education on equity/social justice issues. Two 7th grade parents are willing to take on the planning of it. Ms. DuBose willing and excited to work on it as well. We can find out more about what Coonley has been doing in classes to educate. Might be a good idea to get LSC involved in this as it seems like it would be a good partnership. FOC can be a leader in the conversation. It's in a planning stage.

Insurance: We are going to get renewed. Agent will prepare a new quote that may go down in price since we aren't holding events. It may make more sense to leave it alone in case we can hold events.

Bylaws (B. Odem): Had a lawyer look over the sections of our bylaws that needed some changes or were vague. Needed a refresher as they were the first bylaws for the organization and FOC has grown since the early days. Stipulates how many board members we should have and when members are elected and renewed. We will get a draft and vote on them at the Oct. meeting.

Playground enhancements (B. Odem): Planning to power wash the wall before the mural is painted We will do it ourselves -- just need Coonley to give us the water access.

Adjournment: B. Roark moved to adjourn meeting at 8:37 p.m. I. Cherry seconded. All approve.

Minutes prepared by K. Morris. Next FOC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 6, 2020.

